

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 (and also replace the rewritten paragraph beginning at this location in the Preliminary Amendment dated January 5, 2004), with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/957,442, entitled "Structured Algorithmic Programming Language Approach to System Design," filed September 18, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims the benefit of both U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/240,883, entitled "Synchronous Hardware Description Method," filed October 16, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/257,923, entitled "Techniques for Rapid Implementation of High-Performance FPGAs From Algorithmic C Specifications," filed December 21, 2000, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--